

Applicant: SOMMER et al.  
Appl. No.: 10/518,360

**Remarks**

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 7 being the independent claims. Applicants have amended Claims 1-6 to place them in a form according to standard U.S. practice. Applicants have also added new Claims 7-20, which are supported at least by the claims as originally filed, by the drawings, and by the disclosure (see, e.g., page 3).

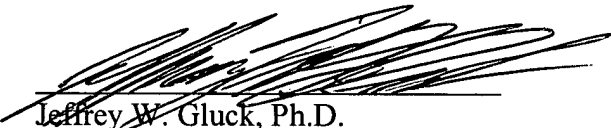
Applicants have also amended the specification to add a "relate-back" paragraph and to add section headings.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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